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Mr. Chuck Kjos  
United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
4101 East 80th Street  
Bloomington, MN 55425-1665

Dear Mr. Kjos:

On January 7, 1999, the Standards and Applied Sciences Branch of the United States Environmental Protection Agency received a request from the Fond du Lac Tribe to review and approve their water quality standards. We requested concurrence on April 12, 1999, from your office, on the finding contained within our biological evaluation. Our evaluation stated our action to approve the Tribe's water quality standards would not likely adversely affect the five threatened, endangered and candidate species potentially present on the Reservation. The purpose of this letter is to document your office's response on June 23, 1999, via tele-memo from Paul Burke, providing concurrence.

Paul Burke instructed Kathleen Mayo, of my staff, to officially record the concurrence via tele-memo. He stated that "there are no implications for threatened and endangered species and I concur with your determination."

Since your office has provided the required concurrence mandated by § 7 of the Endangered Species Act, no formal consultation is required regarding our pending approval of the Tribe's standards. If you or your staff have questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Kathy Mayo of my staff. I may be reached at (312) 886-6090 and Kathy may be reached at (312) 353-5592. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

/s/ JOAN M. KARNAUSKAS

Joan M. Karnauskas, Chief  
Standards and Applied Sciences Branch

cc: T.J. Miller, USFWS  
Paul Burke, USFWS

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